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SUMMARY



**SELECTED
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INFILTRATION ACTIVITY
SOUTHEAST ASIA**



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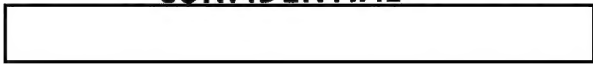
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PREFACE

This report is a summary of selected information on transportation and infiltration activity in Southeast Asia, primarily the Laotian Panhandle, as reported by NPIC during the period indicated on the cover. For a comprehensive study of road development in this area prior to 1 April 1966 see NPIC R-110/66, Communist Road Net Development in the Laotian Panhandle (CONFIDENTIAL/

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Items are numbered and arranged according to location from north to south. Annotated maps of varying scales have been included to assist the reader in locating the items. Each large-scale map depicts all motorable roads photographically confirmed by NPIC.

Missions, mission dates, frames, and NPIC cable and briefing board references are listed after each item, as appropriate.

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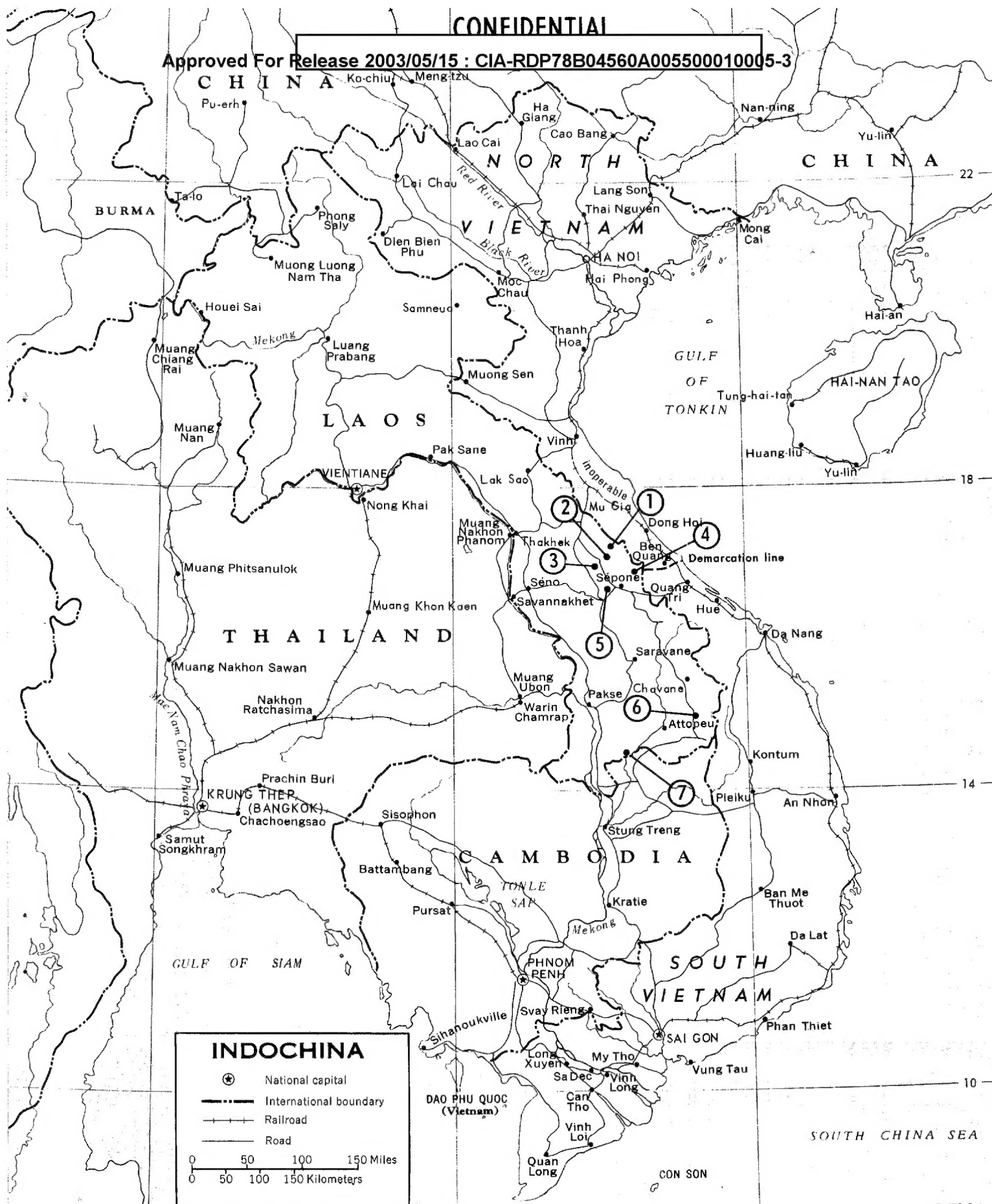
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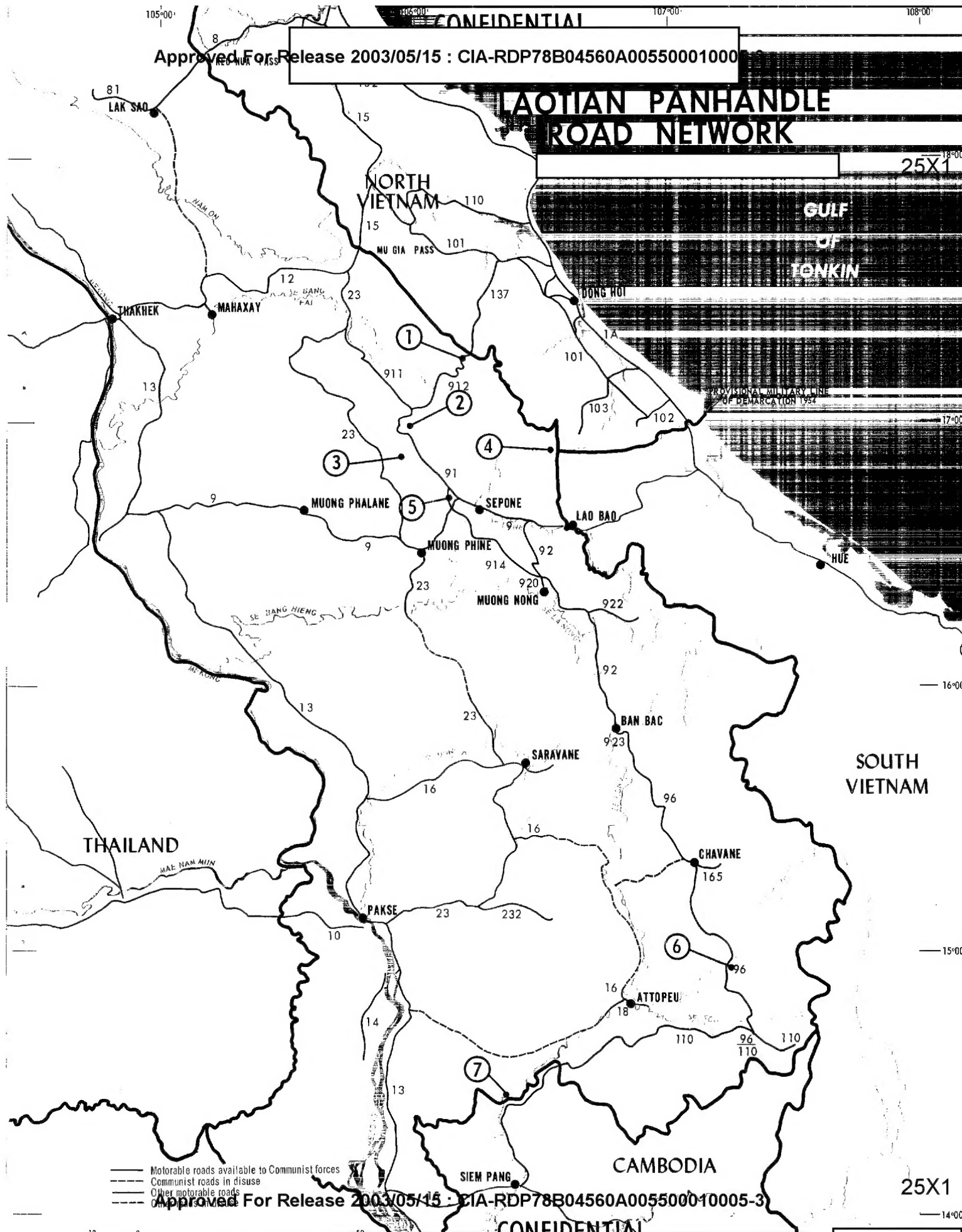
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LAOTIAN PANHANDLE ROAD NETWORK

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1. Route 912 All-weather Capability

Five sections of corduroy road, totaling approximately 3,000 meters, are observed on Route 912 between UTM XE210050 and XE251086. This appears to be an attempt to give this segment of the road an all-weather capability.

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2. New By-pass Under Construction on Route 911

Initial clearing operations for a new by-pass road on Route 911 extends generally south from Route 911 at UTM XD026828, to terminate at UTM XD026765, a point 0.4 nm from a rejoining with the route. This new by-pass when complete, will reduce the distance of Route 911 by approximately 4.5 nm and will by-pass a section of the route at UTM WD977818 which has been subjected to airstrikes and is currently unserviceable.

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3. Completion of Unnumbered Road Connecting Routes 911 and 23

The alignment of the new unnumbered road connecting Routes 911 and 23 is now complete, extending generally southwest from Route 911 at UTM XD040749 to a junction with Route 23 at UTM WD927635. The previously unobserved 1.3 nm road segment extends generally west-southwest from UTM XD001659, through a heavily wooded area, and connects with the previously reported terminus at UTM WD979647. While this new road provides the most direct route to Route 23 from North Vietnam Route 137 and Laos Route 912, the road shows no evidence of grading and generally follows previously existing trails with minimal clearing to circumvent villages along the route.

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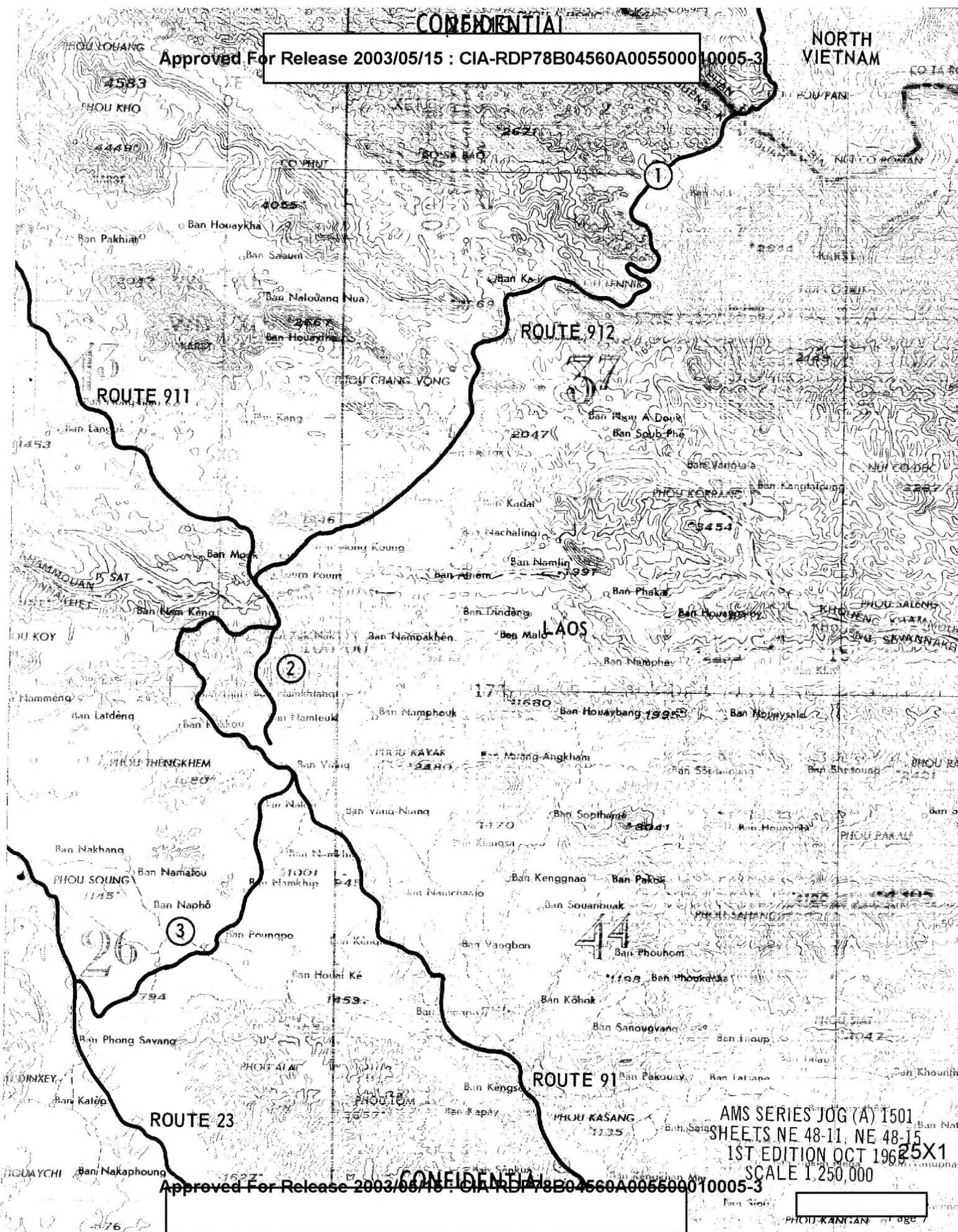
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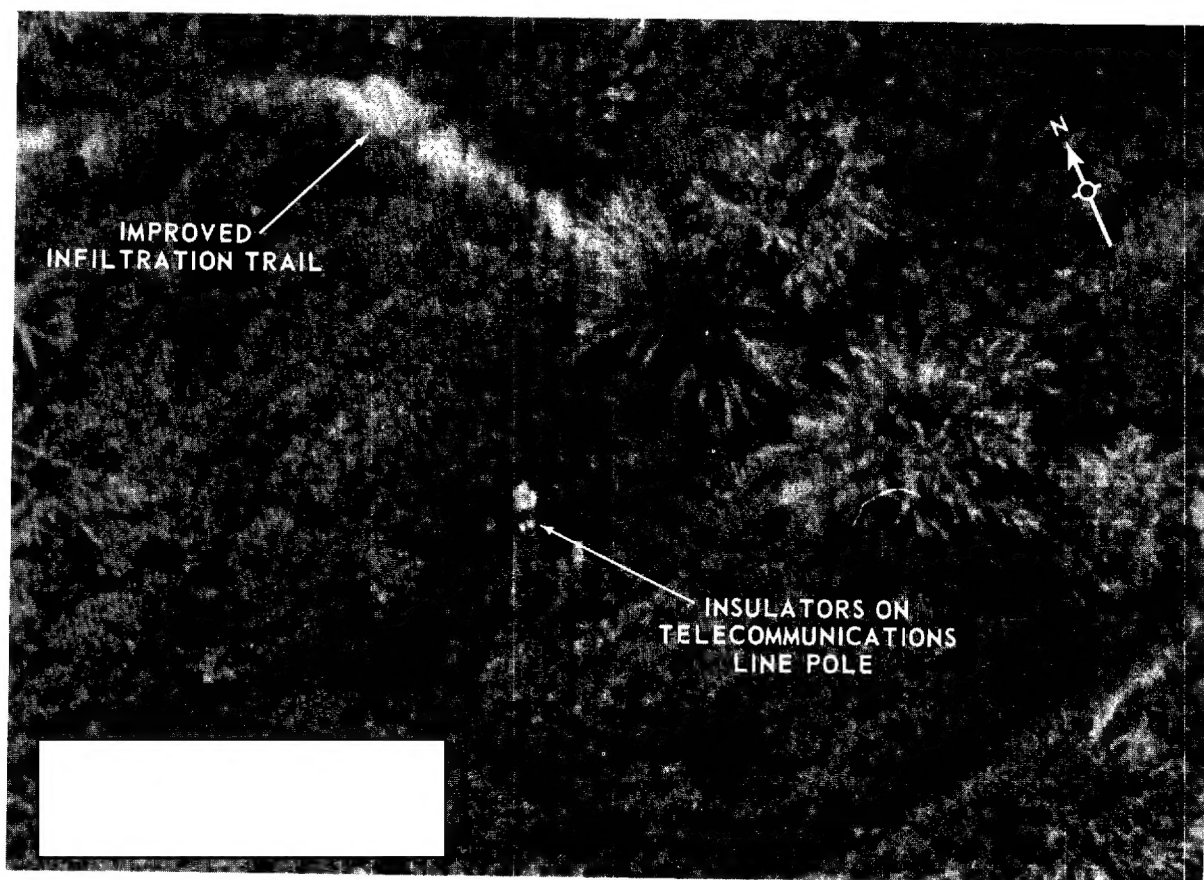
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4. Extension of Telecommunications Line Through the DMZ

The telecommunications line generally paralleling the infiltration trail through the DMZ and into Laos has been extended west of the previously reported terminus at UTM XC661690. Poles are now observed extending from UTM XC657682 within the North Vietnam DMZ, generally southwest into Laos to the end of discernibility at UTM XD631675, 1.4 nm west of the Laos/North Vietnam border. All poles contain two insulators; wires are intermittently observed. The telecommunications line could not be traced further west as it appears that trees are possibly being used in lieu of poles (see photo) and no cleared path has been constructed.

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS LINE, SE BANG HIENG (RIVER) VALLEY, LAOS

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ROUTE 103

IMPROVED TRAIL

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LAOS

SEPONE

ROUTE 9

BAN DONG

ROUTE 92

ROUTE 914

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5. Serviceability of Route 914

Route 914 is apparently in disuse from its junction with Route 91 at 16-45N 106-08E to its junction with Route 9 at 16-41N 106-08E. Traffic moving south from Route 911 continues to utilize Route 914 by following Route 91, turning southwest on Route 9, then southeast on Route 914 at 16-41N 106-08E (the junction of Routes 9 and 914). Route 914 evidences medium usage south and southeast of Route 9. Recent rains do not appear to have interrupted the flow of traffic.

The ford across the Se Bang Hiang (river) on Route 914 at UTM XD282405 is unserviceable due to high water and recent air strikes. No repair or by-pass attempts have been made. A ferry crossing is now observed 0.3 nm east of the ford at UTM XD286406 and its approaches have been repaired after the air strikes. A possible ferry boat is observed moored adjacent to the south river bank at UTM XD287406, just east of the ferry crossing. North of the crossing are an unoccupied 4-gun HMGAA site at UTM XC285408 and an unoccupied 4-gun light AAA site at UTM XD278418.

Vehicle tracks are observed on a previously existing trail extending from Route 914 at UTM XD568197 to a junction with Route 92 at UTM XD589204. This trail provides an additional access from Route 914 to Route 92, 1.3 nm north of their original junction.

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IMPROVED TRAIL

ROUTE 91

LAOS

ROAD IN
DISUSE

SÉPONE

ROUTE 9

FERRY CROSSING

BAN DONG

ROUTE 92

ROUTE 914

NEW BY-PASS

ROUTE 920

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6. Probable Military Camp on Route 96

A probable military camp is observed along Route 96 at 14-56N 107-11E, centered on UTM YB364536. It consists of at least 7 buildings in various stages of construction, 1 personnel trench perpendicular to and on both sides of Route 96, approximately 100 foxholes, and row crops. Route 96 in this area appears serviceable.

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ROUTE 96

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MUONG MAY

ROUTE 110

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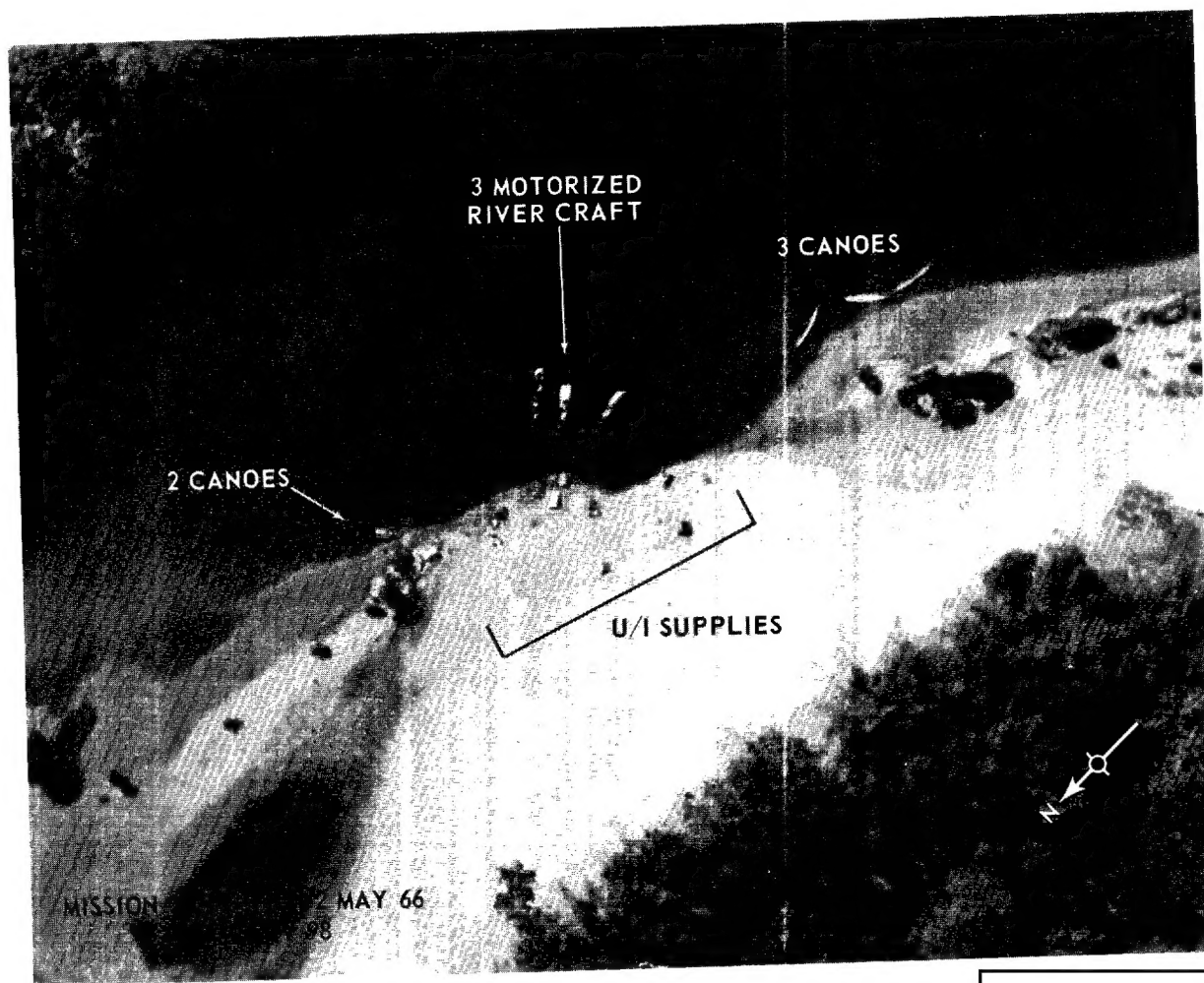
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7. Activity Along the Se Kong (River)

A transloading point is observed 3 nm west of Ban San Keo Airfield on the west bank of the Se Kong (river) at the mouth of the Houei Se Pien at UTM XA444970. Eleven piles of unidentified material are scattered along the river bank with 3 motorized river craft and 5 canoes moored immediately offshore. A total of 14 additional motorized river craft are observed on the river between 14-26N 106-20E and 14-32N 106-28E.

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TRANSLOADING POINT, LAOTIAN BANK, SE KONG (TONLE KONG) RIVER

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LAOS

ROUTE 110

SE KONG
(TONLE KONG)
RIVER

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BAN SAN KEO
AIRFIELD

CAMBODIA

- POSSIBLE TRANSSHIPMENT POINT
- ⊗ POSSIBLE TRANSLOADING POINT

SIEM PANG

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